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A DIALOGUE between *JEST* and *EARNEST* Concerning the *TIMES*.

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Jeſt. IT *is this*, i. e. *ſome People ſay*, as a certain Author elegantly has it, *Nob* and *Harry* muſt be very well acquainted together, or they could never be let into one another's Secrets at this Rate, you and I ſhould take the old Fellows Part by all means. But hang him, for a ſcurvy Malignant, let him look over *Stow* and *Hollingſhead*, and he will find there, That the Man who wreſtled with a T-~~u~~-~~r~~-d moſt grievouſly befoul'd himſelf, beſides, this would give him a light into the great Secret of all, and that is, (not to make uſe of *i. e.* again) what we have no manner of Commiſſion for.

Earn. He's as Impudent as ever, and to get the Name of a *Man of Courage and Reſolution*, as the ſame Author expreſſes himſelf in his *Good Paper*, writes in Defiance of an Authority he has but too juſtly fallen under the Diſpleaſure of. The Gentlemen of the Houſe of Commons are Compaſſionate and Merciful but though Lyons are Generous, and ſuffer, their Reſentment to ſleep, Woe betide him that awakens it. They have had it in their Power to Addreſs Her Majeſty for a Proclamation, and have it ſtill, how unworthy ſoever the Fellow be of any Sum of Money to be ſpent after him, to find him out by that means and bring him to Juſtice. But I ſhall not fall into the ſame Errors with him, and pretend to Dictate to my Superiors, the nature of his Crime is well known, the Deſign of his Papers is obvious to every Man's ſight, and what will become of the Reverence due to Supreme Power, when it ſuffers its Martyrs and Crown'd Heads to be Traduc'd and Abus'd, its Religion to be Villify'd, and its lawful and juſt Rights to be Contemn'd and Depretiated. This muſt be the Conſequence of not Animadverting upon him, and the Regulating the Preſs, which the whole Company of *Stationers* owe him their particular Thanks for, will be too ſmall a Puniſhment for one whoſe Impudence is conſummate, and arriv'd at the higheſt Perfection. It is not *Sir Humphry Mackworth* alone that he has daſh'd his Ink at, but the Queen Her ſelf's Proceedings have been Cenſur'd by him; and though Men of his own level are the fitteſt to be Witneſſes, I am able to prove, That if *Scribere* is *Agere*, from his own Writing, he has more than Once been Guilty of High-Treaſon.

Jeſt. He's a meer Devil at Speeches within Doors; Did you mind him how he had a fling at that worthy Gentleman in his laſt but one, where he ſays, *Had not the Peer's Speech been Apropo's and to the Purpoſe, he could have likewiſe taken the freedom in Anſwering that, as well as the worthy Knight's.*

Earn. It muſt have been after his way then, by making uſe of Scandal for good Argument, and reproachful Names inſtead of Senſe and ſound Reaſoning. *Lyar* and *Knave* muſt ſupply the Deficiency of Senſe, and when he wanted Proviſions to Entertain his Gueſts with, he muſt have Rob'd *Heraclitus* of *his Jack Hare with a Pudding in his Belly*, as he did in the laſt.

Jeſt. Poor *Harry!* He's to be Diſh'd with a World of Ceremony, but I muſt tell *Nob* this, notwithſtanding all his Art of Cookery with his *Sixpenny Jack* in his *Bed-Chamber* now, which is likewiſe *Kitchin*, *Cellar*, and *Neceſſary Houſe*, for there he *Eaſes* himſelf of the Undigeſted *Offals* of other Peoples Underſtandings, that unleſs he ſwims in *Butter*, for the Old Spark is as dry as a Kix, and as Tough as his Countryman's *Oaken Towell*, there will be no poſſibility of *Eating* him. But now I think of it, where he had his Victuals he muſt have his *Diſh*, for ſince *Will. Elderton* had his Goods in Execution, every Ale-houſe-keeper has got his own again, and the De'il of a Domeſtick Utenſil has he left.

Earn. He had not mention'd the *Noble Peer*'s Speech, but with a Deſign to entrap us into a Reply to it. But the Example of his, which he now plays at Hide and Seek in the Burrough of *Southwark*, and the *Mint* for, is too freſh in our Memories not to put a Guard upon our Tongues, tho' the Perſon that *wrote* it or *ſpoke* it, whether Noble or Ignoble, has no great Honour by being call'd a *Britiſh Worthy* by him, or of having his *Sentiments be ſaid to Correſpond* with a Man's of his Character and Principles.

Jeſt. It's like the reſt of his Breeding, he meant it doubtleſs for a Compliment, and as ſuch the Noble Peer, or whatſoever he is, may take it if he thinks fit. I ſhould be aſhamed of it, upon my Word, that am but an indifferent Sort of a Commoner. Anſwer, Quoth he? Juſt as he did the *Prologue* and *Epilogue* that were ſpoken in *Little-Lincaln's-Inn Fields*, where he finds Fault with the two laſt of 'em, that endeavour'd at the Queen's Character, for *Traſh*, if I remember 'em, they are as follows.

The beſt of Queens, and moſt belov'd of Names,
The beſt of Wiſhes and of Subjects Claims.

Earn. *Good Subjects* and *Good Queens* are as ſo many Stumbling-Blocks to Rebellion and Confuſion, and therefore for none of his Purpoſe;

poſe; but he has paid off the Play houſe with a Witneſs ſince, for not Acting a curſed Paſtoral of his own, and it's ten to one ſince all his weak Endeavours againſt the Stage can't put it down, but in his next he runs a ground, and ſtaves himſelf upon the Queen's Order for Regulating both Houſes.

Jeſt. The Diſſenters will make him a *Saint* for ſo doing, and *John Partridge* in his next Years Almanack will have a Miſerable Couplet or two in Praiſe of him. They have already Yoak'd Mr. *Collier* and him together for Two of the Elect, and the *View*, *Review*, and *Repreſentation* of, and *againſt* the Immoralities of the *Engliſh* Stage lie upon the ſame Shelf with *Baxter's* Works, and their dearly Beloved Obſervator.

Earn. Fye upon you. To place the Reverend Mr. *Collier* with ſuch as are quite oppoſite to his Principles, recollect your ſelf and remember he's a Gentleman of the ſtricteſt Integrity, I bluſh to hear him nam'd with ſuch a wicked Wretch!

Jeſt. Be not angry, my Friend. I had almoſt forgot my ſelf, I muſt confeſs I've made an odd Compariſon there. However, ſince you are ſo unwilling to hear what I intended to proceed on. I have a Query for you. *Whether the Kings of* England *be Superiour Lords of* Scotland?

Earn. King *Hen.* 8. Claim'd Homage and Fealty, as due to him out of an antient Title to the Crown of *Scotland*, the Demand whereof, he ſaid, he had neglected a great while becauſe of his Nephew's Minority, and other kind Reaſons, his Title being by lawful Succeſſion, and Recogniz'd for many Ages, by the Kings of *Scotland*, to the Reign of *H.* 6. which he prov'd, 1. By Hiſtory. 2. By Inſtruments of Homage by the ſeveral Kings, and divers Great Perſons, ſealed with their Seals, and remaining in his Treaſury. And 3. By Regiſters, and Records, Judicially and Authentically made.

The Hiſtorical part he began chiefly at *Ann. Dom.* 900 (being 642 years paſt) ſhewing that *Edward*, Son of *Allared*, had it under his Dominion. *Athelſtane* made one *Conſtantine* King thereof. *Eldred* took Homage of *Ericus*, King of *Scots*, and *Edgar* of *Kennoth*. That this was interrupted yet in *Edward*, King and Martyr, his time. But *Malcolm* did Homage to *Knute*, and *Edward* the Confeſſor making War againſt *Malcolm*, overthrew him, and gave his Kingdom to *Malcolm* his Son, who made him Homage and Fealty. That *Malcolm* did Homage to *William* the Conquerour, and after to *William Rufus*, but failing in his Duty, was Depos'd; And *Edgar*, Brother to the laſt *Malcolm*, and Son to the firſt, ordain'd in that Eſtate, who did his Homage and Fealty accordingly. This *Edgar* did Homage to H. 1. *David* did Homage to *Matild* the Empreſs, but refus'd to *Stephen*, as having done it to *Matild*; but after his Death, *David's Son* made his Homage to *Stephen*. *William* King of *Scots*, and *David* his Brother, with all the Chief Nobles of *Scotland*, made Homage to *Henry* the 2d's *Son*, with reſervation of the Duty to his Father. This *William*, after much Rebellion and Reſiſtance, during the Abſence of H. 2. made his Peace and Compoſitoin, with his Homage and Fealty; He alſo came to *Canterbury*, and there did Homage to *R.* 1. *William* did Homage to *John*, on a Hill beſide *Lincoln*, and made his Oath upon the Croſs of *Hubert*, then Arch-Biſhop of *Canterbury*. *Alexander* King of *Scots*, Married the Daughter of H. 3. and did his Homage at *York*. *Alexander* came to the Coronation of E. 1. and did his Duty. *John Baliol* made Homage and Fealty to E. 1. *Robert Bruce* made War againſt the *Baliols*, which interrupted the buſineſs of 44 years. But afterwards *Edward Baliol* prevailing, made Homage to E. 3. After this, *David Bruce*, though on the contrary Faction, made Homage to E. 3. *Edward Baliol*, who had the clear Title, ſurrendred the Crown to E. 3. at *Roxenburgh*, who thereupon, cauſed himſelf to be Crowned, and for a Time entertain'd and enjoy'd it, as Proprietary and Owner of the Crown, both by Confiſcation, and voluntary Surrender. In *R.* 2. and H. 4. in their Times ſome Interruption happned by Reaſon of inward Diſſentions in this Kingdom, yet H. 5. Commanded the *Scots* to attend him in his Journey to *France*. And in this time the Realm of *Scotland* being deſcended on the *Stuarts*, *James Stuart* King of *Scots*, made Homage to H. 6. at *Windſor*. All which Homages were within the Memory of Man. Of which therefore, Inſtruments made and ſealed with the Seals of the Kings of *Scotland* remain; ſo that it was not for the Earldom of *Huntington* (as the *Scots* pretended) but for the Kingdom of *Scotland*. As for Records and Regiſters, that *H.* 8. had divers which were Authentical, and among others that of *Edw.* 1. in the Diſcuſſion of the Title of *Scotland*; then Challeng'd by twelve Competitors. And that Sentence was given for *Baliol*, who accordingly enjoy'd the Realm. That in a Parliament following, they did agree to the Superiority of the King of *England*, and enſuing their Determination, did particularly, and ſeverally make Homage, and Fealty with Proclamation, that whoſoever withdrew himſelf from doing his Duty therein, ſhould be Reputed as a Rebel; and ſo all made Homage and Fealty to *Edw.* 1. That during this Diſcuſſion, the Realm was rul'd by Guardians, deputed by him; and all Caſtles and Holds ſurrendred to him, as to the Superior Lord. And in the time of Vacation, Benefices, Offices, Fees, Promotions paſs'd, as in the Right of his Crown [of *England*] Sheriffs alſo nam'd and appointed, Writs and Precepts made, obeyed and executed. And that at this time, the Biſhops of St. *Andrews* and *Glaſcow* were not Arch-Biſhops, but recognized the Arch-Biſhop of *York*, whoſe Authority extended over all their Country. That ſince the time of H. 6. this Kingdom was Lacerated, and torn by diverſity of Titles, till his Time. So that *Ed.* 4. after great Travels, having attained Quietneſs in this Realm, finally made Preparation of War againſt *Scotland*, yet he was prevented by Death. As for *R.* 3. that he Uſurped the Kingdom, till H. 7. his Father, overthrew him (which H. 7. by Reaſon his Eſtate not fully ſettled at Home, forbore to Compel the *Scots* to do their Duty.) And for his own Time, that twenty one Years paſt of it, in his Nephew's Minority, when he had more Care to bring him out of Danger to the Place of a King, than to receive of him Homage, when he had full Poſſeſſion of the ſame. Lord *Herbert's* H. 8. p. 543, and 544 *An.* 1542. *Vide* more in Proof of *Scotland's* Subjection to *England* in *D.* 2. *Ducke de Author. Jur. Civil. Rom. l.* 2. *c.* 10. *n.* 5, and 6. Dr. *Burnet's* Hiſtory of the Reformation. *Bol.* 2. Collect of Records *num.* 9. p. 106. Biſhop *Tunſtall's* Letters. *Daniel's* Hiſt. p. 198, 199. Edit. 1634. The Year Books of 1. H. 7. *&c.*

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